

FLORIDA: Honey production in 2001 was 22,000,000 pounds, down ten percent from 2000. Florida ranked third in production behind California, and North Dakota. There were 220,000 colonies in Florida in 2001 with an average honey yield of 100 pounds per colony, five pounds less than in 2000.

Producers received an average of 62 cents per pound for the honey, up eight cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2001 was \$13.6 million, up from the 2000 value of \$13.2 million.

FLORIDA: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1992-2001						
Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1992	220	104	22,880	53	12,126	2,517
1993	200	113	22,600	50	11,300	2,712
1994	230	84	19,320	47	9,080	2,898
1995	230	86	19,780	64	12,659	1,780
1996	240	105	25,200	86	21,672	2,268
1997	240	67	16,080	73	11,738	2,734
1998	230	98	22,540	64	14,426	4,508
1999	228	102	23,256	53	12,326	4,186
2000	232	105	24,360	54	13,154	2,923
2001	220	100	22,000	62	13,640	3,432

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Stocks in producers' hands.

UNITED STATES: Honey production in 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since 1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State and yields per colony may therefore be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 64.8 million pounds on December 15, 2001, down

24 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Prices for the 2001 crop averaged 66.9 cents per pound, up 12 percent from 59.7 cents in 2000. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. U.S. honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel at the U.S. level. Honey prices for 2001 were higher than the previous year for all marketing channels and all color classes except ‘All Other Honey, Area Specialties’ .

UNITED STATES: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks, 1992-2001						
Year	Colonies of bees ^{1/}	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound ^{2/}	Value	Stocks Dec 15 ^{3/}
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds
1992	3,030	72.8	220,584	55.0	121,321	38,933
1993	2,875	80.2	230,575	53.9	124,280	49,046
1994	2,783	78.4	218,187	52.8	115,203	59,877
1995	2,655	79.5	211,073	68.5	144,585	42,313
1996	2,581	77.3	199,511	88.8	177,166	47,206
1997	2,631	74.7	196,536	75.2	147,795	70,696
1998	2,633	83.7	220,316	65.5	147,254	80,808
1999	2,688	76.4	205,250	60.1	126,075	79,375
2000 ^{4/}	2,620	84.1	220,339	59.7	132,742	85,328
2001 ^{5/}	2,513	74.0	185,926	66.9	127,060	64,750

^{1/} Operations with 5 or more colonies. ^{2/} Weighted by reported sales. ^{3/} Stocks in producers' hands. ^{4/} Revised. ^{5/} Preliminary.

UNITED STATES: Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer, 2000 and 2001						
Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Cents per pound						
Water white, extra white, and white	56.3	65.0	114.5	125.4	58.2	66.5
Extra light amber	56.0	64.0	121.7	130.7	60.7	66.9
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	49.8	59.8	141.9	152.2	60.1	66.6
All other honey, area specialties	63.2	59.8	175.2	152.5	92.9	78.7
All honey	55.1	63.3	130.4	140.6	59.7	66.9

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 2000-2001 ^{1/}												
State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ^{2/}		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 colonies		Pounds		1,000 pounds		Cents		1,000 dollars			
Alabama	16	14	78	73	1,248	1,022	187	235	59	71	736	726
Arizona	40	43	59	59	2,360	2,537	1,322	1,142	73	78	1,723	1,979
Arkansas	55	58	93	98	5,115	5,655	3,529	1,872	57	66	2,916	3,732
California	440	425	70	65	30,800	27,625	11,396	7,735	59	67	18,172	18,509
Colorado	29	26	60	55	1,740	1,430	957	529	62	70	1,079	1,001
Florida	232	220	105	100	24,360	22,000	2,923	3,432	54	62	13,154	13,640
Georgia	55	55	57	57	3,135	3,135	376	188	63	70	1,975	2,195
Hawaii	7	8	112	87	784	696	125	84	82	85	643	592
Idaho	100	100	47	46	4,700	4,600	2,679	1,610	52	66	2,444	3,036
Illinois	8	6	61	76	488	456	146	251	117	172	571	784
Indiana	8	8	65	76	520	608	286	213	103	86	536	523
Iowa	30	33	67	51	2,010	1,683	1,206	875	68	73	1,367	1,229
Kansas	15	13	68	51	1,020	663	520	530	91	85	928	564
Kentucky	3	3	48	78	144	234	40	94	135	131	194	307
Louisiana	43	45	94	106	4,042	4,770	1,334	572	52	60	2,102	2,862
Maine	11	11	21	20	231	220	143	106	75	70	173	154
Maryland	6	4	46	46	276	184	52	55	114	172	315	316
Michigan	72	76	75	60	5,400	4,560	2,970	2,827	60	78	3,240	3,557
Minnesota	150	135	90	81	13,500	10,935	3,105	1,859	57	63	7,695	6,889
Mississippi	17	17	72	66	1,224	1,122	649	224	69	60	845	673
Missouri	23	25	75	61	1,725	1,525	362	381	60	68	1,035	1,037
Montana	124	136	88	102	10,912	13,872	4,692	4,578	59	65	6,438	9,017
Nebraska	50	43	87	48	4,350	2,064	2,610	1,115	59	66	2,567	1,362
Nevada	10	11	35	50	350	550	95	44	145	201	508	1,106
New Jersey	11	11	35	34	385	374	200	71	61	82	235	307
New Mexico	15	15	64	70	960	1,050	739	525	72	65	691	683
New York	58	53	80	70	4,640	3,710	2,274	1,781	55	68	2,552	2,523
North Carolina	11	11	49	44	539	484	243	145	143	158	771	765
North Dakota	300	280	115	96	34,500	26,880	13,800	9,408	57	65	19,665	17,472
Ohio	18	16	65	81	1,170	1,296	585	505	79	85	924	1,102
Oklahoma	7	4	35	47	245	188	64	105	126	141	309	265
Oregon	48	44	51	44	2,448	1,936	1,665	1,200	66	69	1,616	1,336
Pennsylvania	22	17	45	57	990	969	554	514	76	87	752	843
South Dakota	235	235	121	65	28,435	15,275	12,796	12,220	58	64	16,492	9,776
Tennessee	9	9	61	59	549	531	104	147	143	137	785	727
Texas	105	97	79	79	8,295	7,663	2,986	1,533	57	64	4,728	4,904
Utah	24	23	41	38	984	874	462	315	60	65	590	568
Vermont	7	7	59	81	413	567	211	249	68	91	281	516
Virginia	7	9	42	52	294	468	103	94	150	117	441	548
Washington	52	42	54	52	2,808	2,148	1,151	917	58	67	1,629	1,463
West Virginia	7	7	54	65	378	455	234	410	122	155	461	705
Wisconsin	84	67	90	81	7,560	5,427	4,385	3,419	68	76	5,141	4,125
Wyoming	39	38	93	77	3,627	2,926	798	468	59	63	2,140	1,843
Other States ^{3/}	17	13	40	40	685	523	270	173	173	153	1,183	799
United States ^{4/}	2,620	2,513	84.1	74.0	220,339	185,926	85,328	64,750	59.7	66.9	132,742	127,060

^{1/} 2000 data revised.

^{2/} Does not include stocks under loan.

^{3/} CT, DE, MA, NH, RI , and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

^{4/} U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.